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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Please visit our website
www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Yes, it really is December. Hopefully all of you were able to enjoy a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones. Our community volunteers, crafters, vendors and businesses were out in force providing wonderful opportunities to shop local and support some great causes. We live in a really special place.

The food drive challenge sponsored by Double R Communications and other local businesses was another great success. Our students collected several tons of food, and then with the help of volunteers throughout the community, the food was sorted and ready for distribution to our neediest citizens. Way to go students and volunteers! You always come through.

"Science Happens Here." The Gila Valley is full of STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, ART and Math, but it's not always obvious to our students. This fun program kicked off a new season, and this semester's winner has been announced! Eric Branch's class at Lafe Nelson School had the highest percentage of participation and they were treated to a great coding activity courtesy of the Arizona Science Center on Wheels.

Have a wonderful month full of music, sports, and other activities supporting our students. Merry Christmas!

Contact us!

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Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays



Dates to Remember:

December 6—Math 20/20 for grade 2/3 teachers

December 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7—Light Parade, downtown Safford

Dec. 11—New Teacher Coalition **New location**—Safford Technology Training Center behind Lafe Nelson School

December 12—Graham/Greenlee administrators meeting with Liza Noland

December 17-19—ASBA Annual Conference

December 25—Christmas Day

Spelling Bee Information!

The Graham County Spelling Bee will be held Wednesday February 19, 2020 in the Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room at 6:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

Materials made available to individual schools who are enrolled with Scripps are:

- Official study lists for students, organized by grade level
- Study materials for each school spelling champion
- Official pronouncer guides for classroom and school spelling bees
- Scripps Book List
- A free one-year subscription to [Britannica Online for Kids](#) to award to one student.

The winner from the Graham County Spelling Bee will represent us at the Arizona State Spelling Bee which will be held

Saturday March 21, 2020

12:00 noon at the Eight/Arizona PBS Studios

555 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ

The Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held Late May/Early June 2020 in Washington, DC.

Commonly misspelled words:

absence	criticize	February	niece	schedule
accidentally	decision	finally	noticeable	scissors
accommodate	definitely	foreign	occasion	separate
achieve	desperately	friend	occurred	similar
acquaintance	dictionary	government	opposite	sincerely
against	different	grammar	particular	straight
a lot	disease	guarantee	physical	strengthen
already	doesn't	height	pneumonia	studying
argument	embarrass	immediately	possess	summarize
attendance	enough	independent	practically	surprise
because	environment	instead	preferred	thorough
beginning	especially	interrupt	privilege	tomorrow
believe	exaggerate	judgment	probably	truly
business	excellent	leisure	raspberry	until
calendar	excitement	library	realize	vacuum
cemetery	experience	lightning	receive	vegetable
chief	familiar	lonely	recommend	Wednesday
committee	fascinate	lying	remember	weight
conscience	familiar	millionaire	restaurant	weird
convenience	fascinate	mischievous	rhythm	yacht
courageous	favorite	necessary	ridiculous	

Encouraging young kids to consider the needs and feelings of others

The holidays naturally offer opportunities to spend quality time with toddlers and preschoolers. This holiday season, First Things First encourages parents to start planting the seeds of service early with toddlers and preschoolers by involving them in family volunteering.

Babies start to learn on the day they are born. Everything they see and experience, especially positive interactions with the adults in their lives, shapes them. By the time they are 5, their brains are almost fully grown.

For very young children, helping them understand empathy and what it means to help others can start with sharing. Research shows that children aren't able to understand the concept of sharing until they are about 3 or 4 years old because they haven't developed theory of mind, which is the ability to tell that what you want is sometimes different than what others want.

But that doesn't mean that caring adults can't help a young child develop perspective by talking them through different scenarios. This helps them build a picture in their mind that their way is not the only way.

For example, parents can read books with familiar experiences that the child has had, for example, a story about how food grows in a garden can turn into a talk about how fruits and vegetables can be distributed to neighbors and people in need.

Here are some ways to involve toddlers and preschoolers in acts of service:

- Discuss regularly what helping others means. The most powerful lesson for your young child is to see an adult showing kindness to others, which can be as simple as offering a smile.
- Go through your closets and gather clothes that no longer fit, and donate what can be of use to other families. Allow your preschooler to make decisions about which clothing to donate.
- Keep bottles of water in the car and, with your preschooler, offer one if you see someone in need.
- Use charitable contributions or events to teach children how to consider the needs and feelings of others.

These festive times offer many everyday moments to spend time with young kids and help them learn generosity at the same time. It's never too early to get toddlers and preschoolers into the spirit of giving.

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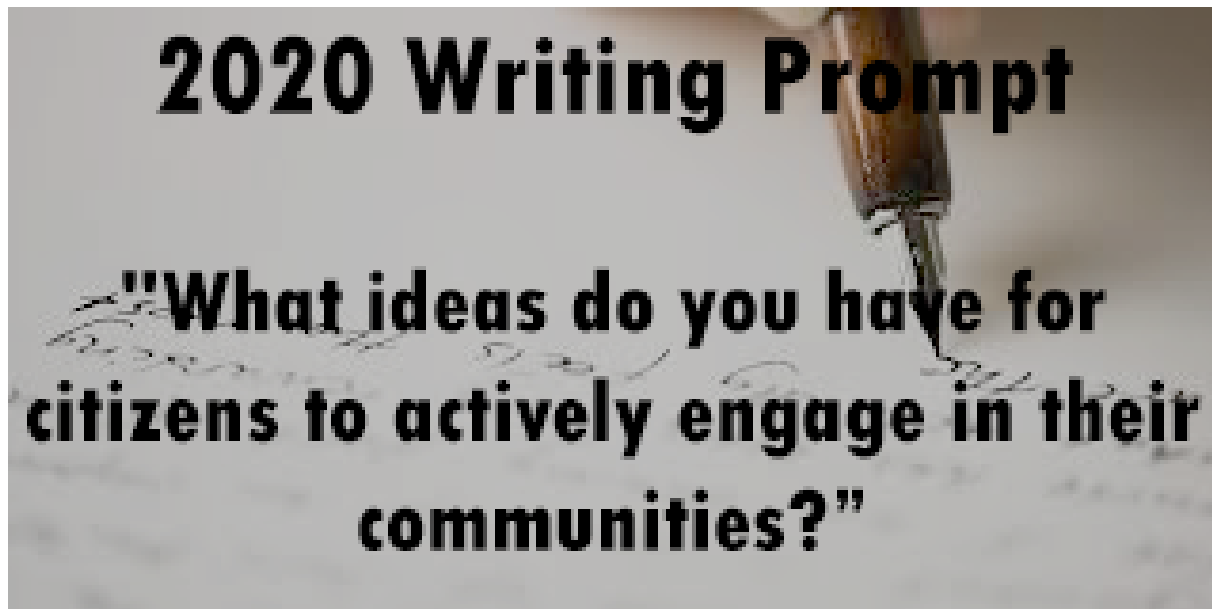
About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest

Submissions for the Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest are rolling in. Click below to grab more information and prepare your students for this exciting creative writing opportunity.

<https://www.azedfoundation.org/polly>

Deadline to Submit
December 9th, 2019



Writing submissions can be essays, poems, short stories, plays, or even songs!

Recognition and Prizes

First, second, and third place winners in each age category will receive a letter of commendation, gift cards, and recognition at an event held in their honor at the Arizona State Capitol's Historic Supreme Court on Statehood Day, February 14th, 2019.

Past Winners

Questions? Please reach out to Matthew Feller, matthew@azedfoundation.org 480-228-6407

**A University of Arizona Office of Economic Education
Professional Development Workshop for
Elementary Teachers**



**TEACHING THE NEW ELEMENTARY
PERSONAL-FINANCE STANDARDS**

SIERRA VISTA

Saturday, February 22, 2020

8:00 a.m.-Noon

UA Sierra Vista, Building C, 1140 Colombo Ave – Sierra Vista, AZ

This no-cost half-day workshop will focus on interactive teaching of the new Arizona elementary personal finance standards in combination with math and children's literature.

Attending teachers will engage in easy-to-replicate, classroom-tested, hands-on lessons that will add fun to your teaching day, and sticking power to your lesson content.

Pre-Service teachers are also welcome and encouraged to attend

Participants will receive:

- A UA certificate for 3.5 hours of professional development.
- A copy of the children's books we use.
- Breakfast courtesy of UA OEE.
- Electronic access to all the lesson materials for easy implementation in your classroom.

There is *no fee* for this program, but you must register.

REGISTER

<http://tinyurl.com/ua-oe> and scroll down

Co-Sponsored by the Cochise County Superintendent of Schools and UA Sierra Vista, with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.



Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joining E.A.S.I.! It's easy!

2019—2020 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Monthly Meetings – DPC Ranch House 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

(Generally the second Wednesday of each month.)

Wed. Dec. 11, 2019
Wed. Jan. 8, 2020
Wed. Feb. 12, 2020

Wed. March 11, 2020
Wed. April 8, 2020
Wed. May 13, 2020

More events—save these dates!

Sat. Jan. 25 G.O. STEAM Camp
Sat. Feb. 1 ASTA Unconference
Mon. Feb. 3 Matheatre—Tesla Ex Machine Performance
Sat. Feb. 28-29 Gila Valley Health & STEAM Festival

Th-Sat, March 5-7 or 12-14 Eastern AZ Regional Science Fair
Competition

Thurs. Apr. 16 EarthDay @ DPC
Sat. April 20 EASI 5th & 6th Grade Saturday Science Camp
Sat. May 2 (AST-129) MGIO Docent Training
Tues.-Fri. May 26-29 Tonto Creek Camp (Payson)
Mon.-Thr, June 1-4 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA)
Mon.-Thr. June 15-18 EASI High School Camp
Mon.-Wed. June 22-24 EASI Summer Science Camp



Contact Jackie Madsen at Jackie.madsen@eac.edu Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260



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Academy if you're inspired to
innovate teaching, be a leader in
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community, the Teachers Academy
has the pathway.**

Through the Teachers Academy at NAU, You Can:

Get your tuition covered

You will receive a high-quality, tuition-free education so you can focus on what matters most—transforming the lives of your students

Impact the Community

Your commitment to teach at an Arizona public school upon graduation will place you in the best position to positively impact students.

Kickstart your teaching career

Hands-on guidance, mentorship, and professional development opportunities will prepare you to lead in the classroom. You won't have to wait long to demonstrate what you've learned—a job will be waiting for you after graduation.

Take the next step today—join the Arizona Teachers Academy at NAU by calling 888-628-2968 or visiting nau.edu/teachers-academy.

To qualify for the Arizona Teachers Academy tuition and fee waiver, you are required to:

Choose an AZ Teacher Academy eligible undergraduate* or graduate teacher education program.**

Complete a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Achieve good academic standing

Complete the AZ Teachers Academy Agreement which will be in your LOUIE account once you have a FAFSA on file and are admitted to an eligible NAU ATA teacher education program.

Commit to teaching at an AZ public school for an amount of time equal to the number of years or any portion of a year an ATA Scholarship was received.

*Any class standing, e.g., freshman, sophomore, etc.

**For a full listing of eligible programs, see <https://nau.edu/coe/naus-teachers-academy/how-to-join-the-arizona-teachers-academy-at-nau/>



movemining

Next Gen



Spread the word! Here's a challenge for K-12 students!

Do you have a child or grandchild, a neighbor or a friend who loves a challenge? Do you have a nearby school or after school program that is looking to engage students in different ways? The Minerals Education Coalition would like to help you engage your K-12 students in learning—and demonstrate that learning—in a new way.

Move Mining Next Gen is a competition that asks students to answer the question:

Why is mining important to our lives?

With teamwork, research, writing, planning and production, your students can put their findings to use to help a world audience **learn how** important minerals are to their daily lives.

With online voting, students' work can be seen globally. The world can see how students use science, technology, literacy and performance skills to give their research a purpose.

How does it work?

Students get a team together, research mined minerals that **are important to their lives**, then submit their three-minute (or less) video for the opportunity to share their ideas with the world! The grand prize is \$1,000! One video will win the People's Choice award (\$500)—early submissions have the advantage of more time for online voting. There are \$250 prizes for grade category winners. Expert judges select the winners. Videos can be made in any format!



Feel free to share this opportunity with your family, neighbors, local schools, teachers, students, and their parents to get the ball rolling. All of the details, pointers and parent/guardian consent forms can be found at www.moveminingnextgen.org. Be sure to also go to www.movemining.org to learn about the annual Move Mining competition.

**The competition is open September 9 – January 22.
Submit early for more time to promote your video for
People's Choice votes!**





Graham/Greenlee New Teacher Coalition

I am pleased to announce we have begun the third year of our “Supporting and Sustaining Teachers” project. With generous funding from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties, and support from our business community, we are able to invite educators to participate in the *New Teacher Coalition*. We have completed two sessions and four more will be offered throughout the year. We provide materials to assist with classroom management, integrating technology and best practices, understanding grant writing processes, etc. The business community is providing tokens of appreciation and information on real estate, loan forgiveness, and other support. Ultimately, 40-50 new teachers in our two counties are finding a whole network of support from within their own districts as well as from other teachers and the county offices. We want to attract and retain the best educators for our students, and our work with the coalition goes a long way toward reaching this goal. If you are new to the profession, a long-term sub, new to your school and/or Graham and Greenlee, you are invited to attend!! Save these dates!

Schedule: Dec.11th (Location change: Behind Lafe Nelson in the Technology Training Center!) Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th

All meetings will be held on Wednesdays in the General Services Building Assembly Room, (**except for Dec. 11th**) from 4:30—6:00. We are meeting a little later to accommodate all schedules.



Math 20/20

Teachers in Graham and Greenlee have been participating in professional development which focuses on grade-level cohorts across districts to thoroughly implement math-specific content and pedagogy for that grade level. It also equips leaders to support teachers in implementing a transformative vision for teaching math. The Graham County School Office facilitated the trainings which began in 2015-2016. We have been able to meet with the K-8 teachers in most of the districts in our two counties.

This year we are circling back to catch up the teachers who are new to their grade levels. They remaining trainings are scheduled on the following dates:

For grades 2/3

Dec. 6
Jan. 16
Feb. 28

For grades 4/5

Jan. 24
Feb. 21
March 9



Why 2020 Matters for Schools



How the 2020 Census Affects Children

The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that communities receive each year for programs and services critical for schools, students, and younger children. In Arizona the funds lost per uncoun ted family member is estimated at \$2000 per year. For an uncoun ted family of 5 the loss of federal and state funding would be $\$2000 \times 5 \text{ persons} \times 10 \text{ years}$ or \$100,000. Programs impacted include:

- ◇ Special education, Head Start, after-school programs, and classroom technology.
- ◇ Food assistance, including free and reduced-price school lunches.
- ◇ Maternal and child health programs at schools and in Graham County
- ◇ Infrastructure funding for interstate, state and local highways/bridges

Enrollment for the 2020 Census will primarily be online this year. Phone enrollment and a last chance paper enrollment will also be used. It's estimated that rural areas in Graham County were undercounted by 27% in 2010. That's a lot of services for children and families that were unavailable for the last 10 years.

How To Greatly Improve Enrollment In Graham County

Graham County along with Pima, Thatcher, EAC, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and half a dozen social services agencies and volunteer agencies have formed a Complete Count Committee (CCC) to educate the public and enlist the help of area schools, churches, fraternal organizations, businesses and individuals to encourage as well as facilitate the enrollment of the easy and hard to count residents of Graham County. These local efforts are in addition *(continued next page)*

Why 2020 Matters for Schools (Census information continued)

to the US Census Bureau who will be conducting national and some statewide national media campaigns as well as providing some local census workers.

Without being critical, the national budget for the 2020 Census is insufficient. Even though the constitution mandates the federal government conduct the Census, the responsibility for an accurate count has been placed on local governments. Due to the remote locations of rural residents, the lack of computer literacy, the absence of an internet connection at home, homes where English is a second language as well as those who fear that Census information will be shared with law enforcement or immigration services it will take a significant effort to achieve an accurate count in Graham County.

Beginning in January of 2020 the public outreach will begin in Graham County and the nation. Monthly articles will be included in the Graham County School Superintendent's Newsletter. For more information or to volunteer as a member of the Graham County CCC please call Hannah Duderstadt, Assistant County Clerk at 928-428-3250. Some 2020 Census resources follow below.

Get Involved

Make a difference for schools, students, and communities. Learn about all the things you can do to promote SIS and a full count of children in the 2020 Census.

[GET INVOLVED](#)

2020 Resources

New Statistics in Schools (SIS) classroom activities and materials for the 2019-2020 school year spotlight the 2020 Census and the importance of making sure everyone is counted, especially children. Download these resources for pre-K through 12th grade today.

[EXPLORE 2020 RESOURCES](#)

Counting Children

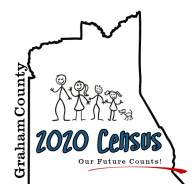
Newborn babies and children under 5 are often missed in the census, with consequences that can impact nearly their entire childhood. Learn more about the consequences—and the resources you can use, as an educator, to help children be counted.

[COUNT ALL CHILDREN](#)

2020 Maps

Capture the attention of students with large, colorful maps filled with fun census-based facts about the country and its territories.

[GET MAPS](#)





Dear Staff Members,

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. With their financial planning approach, the student loan Advisors at Fiducius help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment. Through your student loan savings, you can invest in yourself further with the help of American Fidelity.

Your education colleagues nationwide already working with Fiducius have reduced their monthly payments by an average of **84%** and are projected to receive an average of **\$72,338** in tax-free loan forgiveness.

It's easy to get started with this new benefit. You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link:

Visit [Graham County + Fiducius](#) to register

“Fiducius makes handling my student loans truly stress-free. Going through the process with them was easy and they did all the work for me. These days I’m able to focus more on my busy teaching and coaching schedule while celebrating my \$0 payment every month! Fiducius has been great and I continue to spread their life-changing message.” Jordan B., Teacher

Fiducius will fully educate you about all available options and provide a personalized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan at no cost before you decide whether or not to use their services. As with other voluntary benefits, like life insurance, you only pay Fiducius when you choose to use their services.

We encourage you to take a step to improve your financial wellness and learn if Fiducius can help you better manage your student loans.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.513.645.5400**, [email](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information and success stories.

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AzGA Featured Lesson:**Don't Be Such a Drip: Water Conservation**

Description: In this lesson, students will gain a better understanding of how to help conserve water through creating a graph of a water experiment.

Author: Gail Gorry

Grade Range: 2-3

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/179>

GeoChallenge - Want a project-based learning challenge for your students?

Bring project-based learning to your classroom through the National Geographic GeoChallenge! This annual standards-based competition empowers student teams in grades 5-8 to address a critical issue and change the planet, just like a National Geographic Explorer. This year's theme is Tackling Plastic. Register today at: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/programs/geochallenge/>

Education

Just for Kids

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/kids/>

Videos, group activities, origami, outdoor and tabletop challenges, and a bunch of other projects that are fun, entertaining, and educational.

ALSO sections for students and huge section for teachers.

NOAA Posters and imagery for your classroom and students

Interested in exciting your students about marine life? NOAA has posters and imagery for your classroom/facility, virtual and on-the-water professional development opportunities, marine technology programs for students, rocky intertidal monitoring, shipwrecks, ocean acidification, and so much more. Or unleash your students in our [Flickr account](#) to download high resolution, public domain photos for reports and science fair projects. Need more general ocean and atmosphere photos? Check out the [NOAA Photo Library](#) at <https://photolib.noaa.gov/>.

Storm Trackers: Tropical Storms Around the World

Description: In this lesson, students will learn to identify the regions in which tropical storms occur, the characteristics/conditions of those regions which result in tropical storms, and practice using the cross product method to solve proportions of travel speed of tropical storms to estimate the time it will hit a specified location, the distance it will travel, or its rate of travel.

Author: Gretchen Loken

Grade Range: 6-8

Duration: 2 class periods <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/231>

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National Geographic Seeks State Competitions Coordinator for Arizona

National Geographic is seeking a detail-oriented individual who can serve as the event organizer for two student competitions in Arizona—the GeoBee and the GeoChallenge. The role also involves serving as the competition administrator for the state-level GeoBee. In 2020, the state-level event will be held March 27. The coordinator receives expense money to organize the event and a stipend of \$2,000 upon completion of the tasks. Please contact Chelsea Zillmer, Director of the National Geographic GeoBee, at czillmer@ngs.org regarding this position.

Free Teaching Guide: Bureau of Land Management

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management's latest teaching guide provides middle school teachers with three activities to explore conflict and collaboration between emigrants and American Indians and trace historic trails. ([Read more](#))

Showcasing the Standards 4-6!

See examples of how tested subjects (math and ELA) can be integrated with meaningful social science learning. Participate in several of over 100 classroom-ready lessons available for free and online. The Arizona Geographic Alliance is ready to assist you as you implement the new K-12 social science standards. Walk away ready to teach. Walk away excited to teach.

When: Saturday, January 25, 2019 9 AM to 1 PM

Where: AZ Department of Education Offices

3300 N Central Ave 16th Floor Room 103 Phoenix, AZ 85012

Cost: **ALMOST FREE (\$2.50)** --- But you get lunch and goodies!!

Due to a change in Eventbrite policies, we can no longer refund the full amount of your deposit. Eventbrite is keeping fees they charge, and they cannot be refunded. Therefore, any future events will now have a very small fee ranging from \$2.50-5 depending on ticket prices. This event will have a fee of about \$2.50. If you attend our event the deposit minus the fees will be refunded. If you do not attend, your deposit will be kept. Once an order is placed, fees cannot be refunded either. We apologize that we can no longer provide fully 100% free events.

Lunch: Provided Parking: FREE

Participants will leave this workshop with:

- An understanding of how the new standards are expected to be taught.
- Hands-on lessons ready to teach tomorrow.
- Access to a huge bank of lessons that link social sciences to ELA, math, and science.
- Access to dozens of maps that assist in teaching the skills and content of the 4-6 Social Science Standards
- 4 Recertification credits.
- 1 piece of children's literature with an accompanying lesson

Lunch will be provided; therefore, a deposit of \$15 will be required. The deposit will be returned upon attendance for the entire workshop, minus the Eventbrite fee.

Deadline to register is January 17.

Deadline to cancel a registration is January 20 (10 AM). Please know that once an order is placed Eventbrite fees cannot be refunded.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/showcasing-the-standards-focus-4th-6th-grade-tickets-82232486581>

Dear Friends of Arizona Science Teachers Association,

Twice a year, Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA) publishes the [SCIENCE TIMES CIRCULAR](#) that provides information about science, technology, engineering, and math education to teachers and community members. Attached is the 2019 Fall issue for you to enjoy. This issue contains a variety of articles including how the new science standards are being implemented.

The articles within this issue include:

- Library of Congress Summer Teacher Institute: Science Technology, and Engineering Focus
- A Deeper Dive Into the New Standards
- Message from 2019 ASTA President
- Standards Update
- Modeling the Way towards Science Every Day for Every Student; Shifts in Science Education!
- STEMAZing Teacher Leaders as Catalysts for Systemic Change: Two Case Studies
- Two Reflections of the Structure & Function Symposium at Biosphere 2
- Road Mapping the Future of Science Education
- ASTA Annual Conference Measuring 3-Dimensional Science Learning
- Meet ASTA Directors

Message from Executive Director

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Databases

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audiobooks

For more information
call 928-432-4165 or visit
saffordlibrary.org



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!

Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or [REGISTER ONLINE](#)
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (www.azfff.gov) and the Safford Friends of the Library.





Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.

Parents and guardians

Stay close to home, or travel somewhere new. This year's the perfect time for an unforgettable outing.

[Learn more](#)

Fourth graders

This is for you! Explore ancient dwellings. See a waterfall taller than a building.

[Get your pass](#)

Educators

Get passes, download our activity, or plan a life-changing field trip for your fourth-grade students. [More Info](#)

Every Kid in a Park

You and your family get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year. [How it works](#)



@everykidinapark



PBS LearningMedia

Tips From a Teacher

Do you have a favorite PBS LearningMedia resource? Share it with us on Twitter @PBSTeachers, and find out what other teachers recommend, with ideas for early-childhood educators, elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

[DISCOVER MORE](#)



Teacher Blog: Using Your Voice

An educator shares how she learned to use her "teacher voice."

[READ MORE](#)



Why do we smell different when we're sick? Why does cheese smell like feet? Why don't vultures get sick from eating rotting meat?

Science is filled with stories: some of them are beautiful and some of them are gross. Really gross. *Gross Science*, a YouTube series hosted by Anna Rothschild, tells bizarre stories from the slimy, smelly, creepy world of science.

[Boost Student Engagement in Science](#)



Water-Wise Farms: Bringing Irrigation to the 21st Century

[Learn More](#)

Kindness, Empathy, and Inclusion in the Classroom

During National Bullying Prevention Month, encourage kindness in your classroom with these activities, videos, tips and guides.

[EXPLORE COLLECTION](#)

[Read: How Caring for Living Things Helps Kids Build Empathy](#)

[Download: How to Help Students Understand the Effects of Bullying](#)

[Register: Free Webinar on Using Shared Reading to Teach and Engage All Readers](#)

STEM Field Trip Days

The Arizona Diamondbacks also host STEM Field Trip Days which allow students to engage in STEM-related activities throughout the ballpark.

STEM Field Trip Days have educational programming highlighted by the D-backs Science of Baseball Show that teaches the math and science behind baseball.

As an additional benefit, each student/teacher/chaperone in attendance will receive TWO TICKETS to attend a future Dbacks home game. Tickets will be mailed to your school after the field trip. For more information visit dbacks.com/education.

For more information about these programs, contact the Arizona Diamondbacks Community Affairs department at dbacksfoundation@dbacks.com.

PCM-G is Supporting STEM Teachers Who Need Technology. You Can Help!

How it Works

Four times per year, PCM-G will feature three teachers on their website. Each teacher is eligible to receive a \$2,000 classroom grant. That's where you come in. [Click here](#) to vote for the teacher you believe is most deserving. The winning teacher will be awarded the \$2,000 grant and automatically entered in the final \$10,000 Grand Technology Prize round. Each of the remaining teachers will receive \$600 to use towards classroom supplies.

The 12 finalists were selected based on the strength of their individual proposals and teach at schools in need of technology for their students.

Do you want to help support even more STEM teachers nationwide? [Check out the AdoptAClassroom.org STEM Fund](#)

National VSA Intersections: Arts and Special Education Conference

2020 Arizona Poetry Out Loud [Registration is now open!](#)

Poetry Out Loud invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the high school language arts classroom. Through Poetry Out Loud, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.

Teachers who would like to participate register themselves for the program. Once registered, each participating teacher/school receives free multimedia curriculum materials – a poetry anthology, audio guide, teachers' guide, posters and comprehensive website (www.poetryoutloud.org) all aligned to national standards – augmenting their regular poetry curriculum with poetry recitation and a classroom-level competition. School-level recitation champions compete to advance to the regional, state and then national levels.

[REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL](#)

Early Learning Standard and High Quality Program Guidelines Module training in Graham County



Early Learning Standard-Social Studies

<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=6839>

March 4, 2020

Graham County General Services Bldg.

921 W. Thatcher Blvd. Safford, AZ 85546

Early Learning Standard-Math

<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=6840>

May 6, 2020

Graham County General Services Bldg.

921 W. Thatcher Blvd. Safford, AZ 85546

Save the dates! Register early!
Take advantage of this local training!

ArcGIS Online National Competition

Who: US students in grades 4-12

What: Competition to honor those students who can effectively create and share information about their home state

The Basics of the State Level Competition

One adult sponsor registers his or her school/organization

<https://forms.gle/85rBBjePU9d4rRz7>

- School/organization promotes the competition and supports participants in the creation of story maps or web apps that:
 - Answer an Arizona-based question,
 - Propose a solution to an Arizona-based problem, or
 - Address an Arizona-based issue.
- School/organization collects and judges the maps/apps (if there are more than 5 entries) before May 13, 2020
- School/organization submits up to 5 entries to the Arizona competition by May 13, 2020 <https://gis.azgeo.az.gov/agic/arcgis-online-school-competition>
- AZ judges select the top 5 HS and top 5 MS (grades 4-8) entries, award \$100 to each winning entry, and enter the 10 state-level winners in the Esri national competition

AZARTS NEWS

The following links provide information on a variety of opportunities in the Arts

IMAGINE AN ARIZONA WHERE EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN AND EXPERIENCE THE ARTS

Community Investment Grant Renovation [Click here to learn more](#)

Nominations for the 2020 Governor's Arts Awards are now open [Click here to learn more](#)

Arts Learning Collaboration Grants [Click here to learn more](#)

Lifelong Arts Engagement Grants [Click here to learn more](#)

Native American Artist Fellowships [Click here to learn more](#)

Mini Grants [Click here to learn more](#)

Arizona Commission on the Arts info@azarts.gov www.azarts.gov 602-771-6501

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers and Community STEM Educators:

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

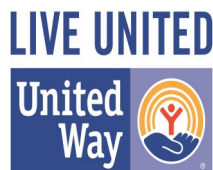
The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Apply Now!

Visit the United Way website at www.uwggc.com - Click on "How to Apply"

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc—pleblanc@aznex.net

They did it!



Melanie Allen—Safford High School, "The Missing Link" \$21,950 to further LINK Crew program

Deanna Crisler—Safford Schools, "Together We Help Children Grow" \$17,570 Garden education

Grant opportunities

DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank you from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

The Walmart Foundation— Community Grant Program

Amount: Up to \$5,000 each

Who may apply: Public or private schools, non-profit organizations

Deadline: Rolling basis through December 31, 2019

Description: For project in hunger relief and healthy eating, health and human services, quality of life, education, community and economic development, diversity and inclusion, public safety, and environmental sustainability.

Link: <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Freeport- McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

Who: K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

<http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant>

Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: \$100-\$500

Deadline: August 30, 2019 (plan ahead for next year!)

Freeport-McMoRan Employee Engagement Programs

Employee Matching Gifts Program - The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will match employee contributions of \$25 or more, up to an annual maximum of \$40,000. The first \$1,000 contributed per eligible nonprofit organization (including schools) will be double matched and any amount above \$1,000 will be single matched, subject to the annual maximum.

Employee Volunteer Fund - Freeport-McMoRan is proud to support employees that give their time and effort to help those in need by offering funds to match unpaid volunteer hours served. When an employee volunteers a minimum of 25 hours a year with a nonprofit organization (including schools), the organization is eligible to earn either a \$250 or \$500 grant.

FM Employees may learn more about both programs and access the link to process their requests by visit this webpage: <https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/employees/employee-engagement-programs>

Support My Club – An e-commerce solution where donors can support the needs of high school clubs and sports. Clubs post their specific needs and donors “shop” for items that speak to them. Items are added to the online cart, donors make a 100% tax-deductible purchase and [Support My Club](#) delivers the item directly to the school!

For every \$100 of value received, the school club completes 1 hour of community service, allowing the receiver to become the giver and the cycle of philanthropy to continue.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution DAR Historic Preservation Grants

Who: Non-profit groups including schools

Amount: Up to \$10,000 **Deadline:** Dec. 31, 2019

Funding to provide financial support to projects in local communities to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/dar-historic-preservation-grants>

Grant opportunities

AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers

Amount: \$200 each

Deadline: Awarded quarterly Sept., Dec., Feb., and April

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

SRP History and Social Science Grants

Who: K-12 teachers and schools

Amount: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: Feb 28, 2020

To help educators present academic content and teach skills in the interrelated disciplines of history, geography, civics, government, and economics.

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

SRP Learning Grants

Who: K-12 teachers and schools

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Feb 28, 2020

To support innovative teaching strategies that improve student performance objectives in math and science.

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

Classics for Kids Foundation Instrument Grant Program

Who: All schools

Amount: Unspecified Dec 31, 2019 (quarterly)

To support the role of fine instruments in your program; must show evidence of need and commitment to raising matching funds

<https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Tuition Assistance for National Guard

Governor Ducey announced a **[new tuition assistance program](#)** for members of the U.S. National Guard. This funding will have the potential to help hundreds of eligible National Guard members achieve their postsecondary education goals.

Grant opportunities

Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

Verizon Foundation Education Grants

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up

Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Arizona State Museum

K-12 School Programs

[CLICK HERE](#) for details, pricing and to schedule your visit

Grant opportunities

National Science Teachers Association and Toyota Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers

Who: K-12 Science Teachers

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: January 18, 2020

To help fund innovative, community-based science projects in environmental science, physical science, and integrating literacy and science. The grants aim to help teachers increase the quality of science education and promote interest in students.

<https://www.toyotatapestry.com/>

Fund for Teachers—FFT Fellowships

Who: PreK-12 Teachers

Amount: \$5,000 to \$10,000

Deadline: January 30, 2020

For professional development based on the principle that the teacher is the one who knows what they need to grow as an educator; self- designed programs that allow teachers to create their own professional development opportunity based on what is most beneficial to their teaching in their own opinions.

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

Arizona Commission on the Arts—Arizona Learning Collaboration Grants

Who: Arizona PreK-12 schools and districts

Amount: \$1,500—\$2,500 (depending on match)

Deadline: January 30, 2020

To enhance the work of school-based arts teaching and learning programs through collaborative projects taking place in-school, after-school, or during summer/inter-session and in-services in future project planning and curriculum development, professional development, and student learning.

<https://azarts.gov/grant/arts-learning-collaboration-grant/>

Nora Roberts Foundation

Who: Schools and non-profits

Amount: Varying awards with average \$5,000

Deadline: March 1, June 1, Oct. 1

Grants in the areas of literacy, children's programs, arts, and humanitarian efforts. Literacy Grants are intended to empower people through literacy. Recent grants were used to fund literacy groups, theatre and arts education, new library projects, and humane education programs.

<http://norarobertsfoundation.org/applicants.php>

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ◆ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ◆ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ◆ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ◆ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ◆ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ◆ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

Free Basic First Aid/CPR Class

The Health Department will host an American Heart Association CPR/ First Aid Class on November 9th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the General Services Assembly Room. We have a limit of 21 seats available so call the Health Department and reserve yours at 928-428-0110.

Teen Vaping

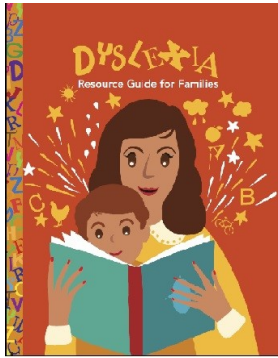
On December 31, 2018 the Arizona Department of Health Services launched a vape prevention campaign called "Facts Over Flavor" geared toward Arizona youth ages 9 to 13. The goal of the Facts over Flavor campaign is to prevent the initiation of vape use among Arizona youth.

This web site can be found at this address: <https://factsoverflavor.com/>

Information from Child Mind Institute and Arizona Department of Health Services

Reminder: Get Your Flu Shot!

Be sure to get a flu vaccination every year for you and your family: People need a new annual flu vaccine because flu viruses often change from year to year. Flu vaccines are created to try to match predicted annual changes in flu viruses. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.



Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families Now Available!

Download and share the Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families, a new, parent-friendly resource for families with children 0-12 who want to learn more about dyslexia, what dyslexia might look like in their child and what they can do to support their child if they have dyslexia. [Download the free pdf here.](#) Read On Arizona extends our sincere appreciation to The Burton Family Foundation for its generous support of the printing and outreach of the *Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families*.



Attainment State Platform

As an organization, Achieve60AZ exists to ensure that attainment is at the top of mind for leaders in our government, economic development, and educational spectrum. The Attainment State Platform has the key areas of focus as we make thoughtful decisions to move in the direction of 60% attainment.

What is Achieve60AZ?

Workforce and Business Development

1. Attract businesses to Arizona with well-educated and highly skilled workers and jobs
2. Promote businesses with proven success in fostering certificates and degrees among employees
3. Develop and expand partnerships between industry and educational providers to align current and future workforce needs

Postsecondary Access and Success

1. Work collaboratively to address barriers to credential and degree completion through policies and innovation
2. Ensure pathways and options for education beyond high school are available to all
3. Champion strategies to make postsecondary educational options more affordable

Early Childhood through High School

1. Emphasize high school graduation and promote best practices for certificate, college and career readiness
2. Support students through a pathway process to certificates, college and career

Systems and Structures

1. Utilize metrics and data systems to support thoughtful partnerships and collaboration in pursuit of the 60% post high school attainment goal
2. Increase public awareness about the options and value of pathways for education beyond high school

Who will help
me become
the man
I want to be?



**When you foster a teen,
you won't just change their life...**
they'll change yours forever.

Teens need families. Thousands of teens in foster care are looking for the support and encouragement that families provide — not just until they turn 18.

Help a teen reach their full potential. Become a foster parent.

www.TeensNeedYou.org



1.866.329.2312
www.ArizonasChildren.org
FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org

In collaboration with:



What's New In SECC? Help a Foster Child



Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge [click here](#).

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)

Did you know 
your SECC contribution
can cost you **NOTHING?**

There are 13 SECC charities that ALSO qualify for the **AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**. We've listed them here for your reference.

(Talk to your tax advisor about claiming donations - \$500 filing single, \$1,000 filing jointly - to these organizations as a tax credit.)

SECC CHARITIES THAT QUALIFY FOR THE AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT:

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- Arizona Helping Hands • ASA Now • Aviva Children's Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foster Children
- Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
- Child Crisis Arizona • Christian Family Care
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- GAP Ministries • More Than A Bed • Streetlight USA

Arizona Educational Acronyms Courtesy of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency

(continued from last month)

R

RFI- Request for Information

RFP- Request for Proposals

RFQ- Request for Quotes

RSA - Rehabilitation Services Administration

RTI - Response to Intervention

S

SAREC – Southern Arizona Regional Education Center

SBE – State Board of Education

SCOTUS – Supreme Court of the United States

SDER – School District Employee Report

SEA - State Education Agency

SEI – Structured English Immersion

SES- Socio Economic Status

SGT- Student Growth to Target.

In Memoriam - Shirley Turner Chaplin Green

The communities in Graham County said goodbye to Safford Unified School District Governing Board member Shirley Turn Chaplin Green. She passed away after a long illness.

Shirley was a graduate of Safford High School and enjoyed serving her community as a school board member and volunteer with the Arizona Community Foundation. Shirley will be missed for her contributions to our schools and communities and for her bright, sunny disposition. She was a friend to all.